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TOPIC WEISSWASSER Troop Training Grounds 25X1EVALUATION 25X1

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REMARKS

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- 25X1 1. Maneuvers of large Soviet tank units were conducted in the woods southeast of WEISSWASSER (O 52/A 84) and allegedly extended as far as the Polish-held territory east of the Meisse River. The maneuver troops were estimated at about 5,000 and were quartered in camps in the woods near WEISSWASSER.
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Late August 1949

2. The perimeter of the troop training grounds was observed to be:

North: WEISSWASSER-MUSKAU (O 52/A 85) road.
 East: MUSKAU-NIESKY (O 52/A 92) road.
 South: UHUST (O 52/A 72)-NIESKY road.
 West: WEISSWASSER-BAUTZEN (O 52/A 60) road.

It was said that, in this hilly and pine-covered, 9x12-mile area, large tank units were holding field exercises, including firing practices with live ammunition, almost all the year round.

25X1 Comment:

- 25X1 [redacted] small troop units, from a camp near REICHWALDE, held field exercises in the RIETSCHEN area in June 1949. [redacted] a tank firing range near NOCHTEN and BOXBERG (along the WEISSWASSER-BAUTZEN road) in August 1949.
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25X1 [redacted] It has been assumed that the tank firing range near WEISSWASSER may have been used by component units of this division.

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25X1 The report, stating that large tank units (5,000 troops) held maneuvers extending as far as the Polish-held territory east of the Meisse River allegedly all the year round, needs confirmation since no other source supplied similar information.

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